

Traditional

Language Arts

Social Studies

The Egyptian Cinderella

Author: Climo, Shirley

Illustrator: Ruth Heller

Publisher: HarperCollins, 1992

Readability Level: 3.5

Interest Level: K-2

Cultural Connections: Egyptian

Summary: This is a retelling of the classic tale of Cinderella. Rhodopis is a Greek slave who is picked on by the other Egyptian slaves because she does not look like them. She is able to make friends with the animals and one day a falcon steals one of her slippers and drops it in the Pharaoh's lap. He sees it as a sign and is determined to marry the owner of the slipper.

Reading Activity

Ask the students if they have heard of the tale Cinderella. Have them retell the plot of the story. Explain that they will be reading a version of Cinderella that is from Egypt. Tell them to look for differences between the two versions as they are reading. After reading they will complete a graphic organizer that compares and contrasts the two versions of this tale.

Literacy Activity

Have the students write another version of Cinderella that takes place somewhere else in the world. Tell them to pay attention to the names and places they will use

Common Core State Standards:

RL.2.9. Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures.

W.2.5. With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.